difference between the price of bulk drug allowed by the Government in the formulations and the prices enjoyed by them. Against the recovery notice, the company filed a Civil Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court which is still pending with the Hon'ble Court for final adjudication.

Import of Medicines

8365. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the medicines being imported in the country at present alongwith the names of countries ;

(b) whether Indian medicines are being exported to some countries; and

(c) if so, the names of the countries and the value of medicines exported during the year 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The country is almost self-sufficient in its requirement of formulation. However, certain anti-biotics; anti-malarial, anti-cancer drugs, vitamins etc. are imported from mainly the developed countries to ensure their availability.

During 1994-95, the exports of finished formulations were of the order of Rs. 924 crores and these were exported to various countries including the developed countries.

Recovery in Respect of Metronidazole

8366. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the companies who owe to the Government in respect of Metronidazole and when was each of them issued the notice in respect of recovery;

(b) the names of the formulations who have not been issued any notice so far and the reasons for non-issuance of the notice;

(c) the details of companies whom notices were not issued and reasons therefor;

(d) whether infusion, suspension and several other formulations of Metronidazole are being sold without any price approval or at prices higher than the prices fixed by the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) To the extent information is available, notices of recovery in respect of bulk drug Metronidazole under Para 7 (2) of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 have been issued to all the defaulting companies. The names of the companies and the dates on which such notices have been issued to them are given in the statement (see below).

(d) and (e) To the extent information is available, only one instance of a formulation based on bulk drug Metronidazole being sold without price approval under DPCO 1987 has come to the notice of the Government. The same has been referred to the concerned State Authority for appropriate action.